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HOW THE SENATE STANDS ON RAILROAD LEGISLATION

Frank J. Stillman, Washington correspondent for the Sioux City Journal, sent to his paper, under date of November 23, the following dispatch:

"Until the president's message has been made public and his railroad rate recommendations are known no accurate lineup on the question in the senate can be made. So far as the committee is concerned it is now clear that the democrats hold the deciding votes and that there are likely to be but three republicans favorable to the president's policy, Dolliver, Cullom and Clapp. Dolliver and Cullom have already sought to prevail upon Elkins, Foraker, Kean and Aldrich to line up with the president, but without success.

"It is said there are over thirty senators certain to oppose giving any committee ratemaking powers and many of these assert that a bill incorporating such a feature will under no circumstances be allowed to pass. Nobody in Washington believes such a bill will become a law, but the opinion is general that a compromise bill embodying many reforms and concessions will pass.

Poll of the Senate

"A poll of the senate which is thought to be reasonably accurate is as follows:

For the administration bill: Republicans—Knox, Pennsylvania; Allee, Delaware; Beveridge and Hem-enway, Indiana; Cullom and Hopkins, Illinois; La Follette, Wisconsin; Nelson and Clapp, Minnesota; Allison and Dolliver, Iowa; Warner, Missouri; Long, Kansas; Burkett, Nebraska; Gamble, South Dakota; Hansbrough and McCumber, North Dakota; Carter, Montana; Clark, Wyoming—20.

Democrats—Teller and Patterson, Colorado; Dubois, Idaho; Bailey and Culberson, Texas; McLaurin, Mississippi; Foster, Louisiana; Clay, Georgia; Taliaferro, Florida; Tillman and Latimer, South Carolina; Simmons and Overman, North Carolina; Blackburn and McCreary, Kentucky; Carmack, Tennessee; Clark and Berry, Arkansas—19.

Against the administration bill: Republicans—Frye and Hale, of Maine; Burnham and Gallinger, New Hampshire; Proctor and Dillingham, Vermont; Lodge and Crane, Massachusetts; Aldrich and Wetmore, Rhode Island; Bulkeley and Brandegee, Connecticut; Platt and Depew, New York; Kean and Dryden, New Jersey; Penrose, Pennsylvania; Elkins and Scott, West Virginia; Foraker and Dick, Ohio; Alger and Burrows, Michigan; Spooner, Wisconsin; Millard, Nebraska; Kittredge, South Dakota; Heyburn, Idaho; Ankeny and Piles, Washington; Fulton, Oregon; Perkins and Flint, California—32.

Democrats—Clark, Montana; Newlands, Nevada; Money, Mississippi; Morgan and Pettus, Alabama; Bacon, Georgia; Gorman and Rayner, Maryland—10.

Doubtful: Republicans—Smoot and Sutherland, Utah.

Democrats—McEnery, Louisiana; Mallory, Florida; Frasier, Tennessee; Stone, Missouri.

HEALTH A PUBLIC DUTY

There is one general principle running through all the views of doctors in regard to disease. It is the importance of checking the growth of a variety of diseases in the interests of the physical fitness of the nation at large and not merely of the individual. If this is to be done, many restraints, both legal and social, will have to be submitted to which at present are not imposed owing to the lack of an enlightened popular opinion. Sir James Crichton-Browne indicated one

social restraint when speaking of the evil effects of alcohol. It is much to be wished, he said, that there should grow up one of those conventional understandings which are al-

most more binding than legal enactments, that it is bad form for a youth to indulge in alcohol till he has attained his majority.—Saturday Review.



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